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Gary,

During the summer of 2009 we had emptied the tanks to levels below the manways and only sludge was left in the tanks. Unfortunately since that time rainfall has significantly increased the level of liquid waste (or rainfall) in the tanks. Yesterday we measured between 1.4 to 1.8 million gallons of liquid in the tanks.

Today we're going to sample each of the tanks for VOCs, SVOCs and metals to properly characterize the waste and to look for options to dispose of the waste. If we bring the waste to Texas Molecular the process of liquid disposal will take several months, so we're exploring other options if there are any. After we get the analytical results we'll have a better idea of the disposal process.

In addition to sampling the tanks today we're going to measure the amounts of grossly contaminated soil. They're going to measure the surface area and then using a hand auger they're going to see how deep the contamination extends. With that we'll have a good idea of the volume of waste to deal with.

I know you didn't ask for daily updates but the results were significant so I decided to pass them on to you.

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